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Editors' Table.

THE new College Catalogue has just been issued and only words in commendation can be said. It is modest in appearance; concise in explanation of the courses of study; and complete in regard to general information. We notice only one change or addition to the course of study. This is placing Political Science as an elective in the winter term of the Junior year, and one term is thereby added to the elective course in Political Science. This is a very commendable change. In the Departments of Instruction the work of the student is carefully mapped out and explained. The work in the several departments of Ancient and Modern Languages, Physics and Astronomy, Philosophy and History and Political Science is laid down and explained in concise and well-written articles. About ten pages of general information show what Middlebury is, and what she can do for the student. All in all it is the best catalogue ever issued by the college and is a good index to the growth and prosperous condition of Middlebury.

IT is very gratifying to the editors to notice the interest taken in the UNDERGRADUATE by both faculty and students. A great many of our items concerning alumni are obtained through the faculty, who are ever on the alert for information of such a kind. The students show their interest by giving us local items. We wish to say a word to the students as to the nature of the matter to be given us for publication. Let it be understood here and now that fault-finding articles can find no room in our columns. If a person has a real grievance, we are willing to give him an opportunity to make it known; but there are persons who are always finding fault with something or other and it is the eternal kicker whose funeral we wish to attend. When you sit down to write don't try to think of something disagreeable, as there are many things which we have to be thankful for.

THERE is at present been some talk among the students of tne Athletic association concerning the resurrection of the Middlebury College Dramatic Association, which became defunct immediately after its last exhibition. There are good reasons why this movement should meet with the approval and support of faculty and students. The association was all right in its aims and desires. It aimed to present to the public a play which should interest and elevate the minds of those hearing and taking part in it; it desired to make money which it might devote to the furthering of the influence of an indigent Athletic association, but was but partially successful in accomplishing its desired end, because of certain mistakes and unfortunate circumstances. These may be largely avoided in the future. With good man-

agement, a wise selection of a play and actors and the hearty support of every friend of Middlebury college, this contingent can play an important part in widening its influence and in promoting its general welfare.

THERE has recently been brought to light and sent to Sheldon's museum an article which cannot fail to be of interest to our readers; it is a complete volume of the UNDERGRADUATE, bound with board covers, the first year of its existence, 1830–31. It is chiefly valuable as a matter of curiosity and as a representation of college journalism 60 years ago. It is of interest to students because of its portrayal of the life and scenes of action of undergraduates of that time. To the students and friends of Middlebury it has a special claim for affection by its history and and descriptions of the college in its early days. The UNDERGRADUETE of today takes pleasure in being able to present to its readers in this issue a chapter concerning its earliest infancy and will endeavor, from time to time, to present such biographical reviews of its early existence as may seem to be of interest.

THE recent destructive fire in Middlebury has shown us plainly what the result of a fire in one of the college buildings would be under the present fire department of Middlebury. It was almost half an hour after the fire was discovered before a drop of water was put on it, and yet the engine and other fire apparatus was close by. Now suppose a fire in Starr Hall. First, after its discovery, some person would have to run down town to inform the fire department. This would consume at least ten minutes. The problem then would be: If it takes the fire department half an hour to get under way when the fire is in the center of the town, how long a time will elapse before they begin to check the flames on College hill? Any person can readily see that a fire, although small when discovered, would make great progress in half or three-quarters of an hour. Now why not have a hose company of our own? Besides ensuring the safety of the college buildings, the company would be of inestimable value in case of a fire in the town. A person who witnessed the Middlebury fire remarked that he would prefer to have a dozen of the college boys, well trained, to fight the flames than the whole crowd that was present. Many of the colleges situated in small towns have hose companies and in all cases they do valuable service. Of course there would be considerable expense attached to this, but we feel sure that the college will see the advantage and help out. After the students have given this matter sufficient consideration, let some one make a move.

THERE seems to be an opinion prevalent among us that we ought to have a training cage in connection with our gymnasium. The question arises how to obtain a cage without expending very much money! A fireproof wall divides the gymnasium and the room adjoining the library. The insurance companies say if this wall is taken out the premium on the insurance would have to be raised. We think the Athletic association would be willing to pay the extra amount. The advantages arising from this change would be many. Instead of having a weak nine at the bat, we would have a nine that would hit safe and hard. We would be able to meet our sister college teams on more equal terms. If Middlebury places a good nine in the field next year, the townspeople and the students will dive deep into their pockets to support it. Let the faculty and the students get together and see if action cannot be taken on this matter at once.

THE UNDERGRADUATE OF 1830–31.

"*DE omnibus rebus et quibusdem aliis*" is the motto which appeared at the head of the first UNDERGRADUATE, published October 28, 1830. It was an eight-page pamphlet, each page containing two columns and about three fourths its present size, and with no advertisements. The editors in their introductory remarks make excuses for infringing themselves upon a world already overburdened with visitors in pamphlet form and then subjoin several reasons for favoring no political party, "*verbo vel in re*"; it continues by saying: "The UNDERGRADUATE will be issued in its present form and will treat only of those subjects which pertain to literature. If any ask what is its object, or for what class of persons it is designed, we reply its object is to profit those who would read it and it is designed to please those who are pleased with *anything*, and will contain, therefore, nearly *everything*. This much we promise our readers: that if we have occasion to speak of 'the corruption of the press' we will endeavor to so conduct the periodical that some other argument will be requisite to establish the fact beside the appearance of our paper, and to those who coldly inquire whether any good thing

can come from a company of students we only say, 'Come and see.'"

An article on *Middlebury College* is the most important publication in the first issue, which is given with the remark that while it has been prepared chiefly for the purpose of reference, yet we do not doubt that the facts it contains will be perused with interest. Among other things this article says: "As early as 1798 exertions were made to obtain a charter; the first attempt failed, but in 1800 an act of incorporation was passed and the present east college building having been previously erected, a course of instruction was commenced under the superintendence of Rev. Jeremiah Atwater. In its early progress the college was often embarrassed for want of funds. Not happening to be a favorite of the government, it never shared the public bounty. From the State it received the naked sanction of its charter—the mere permission to exist, if the liberality of its friends would sustain it. And they did sustain it; sacrifices were required and they were freely made. The friends of learning and religion were enlisted in its favor and it prospered. Though inadequately endowed and imperfectly furnished with buildings, apparatus and library, it soon acquired a respectable rank among the colleges of the country. Aside from many others who have been liberal benefactors of this institution it is pre-eminently indebted to three individuals — the Hon. Gamaliel Painter, Isaac Hood Hunt and Joseph Burr. Esq. The first of these gentlemen made the college his residuary legatee, giving it, except some annuities and legacies, his entire estate to the extent of $13,000. From the second the institution received a donation of 5000 acres of land in the township of Albany in this State, and Mr. Burr by his liberal bequest of $12,000 founded the professorship which bears his name. By these and smaller donations the institution is in a measure relieved from the embarrassments under which it formerly labored. The first commencement was held August, 1802. The classes, though small at first, continued to increase in size during Mr. Atwater's continuance in office and soon after the appointment of Dr. Davis the institution numbered more than one hundred members. Such was the state of things at this period that of those who received a liberal education, many from New Hampshire, some from Maine and Massachusetts and almost all from the middle and southern parts of our own State were graduates of this college. The change in the character of Dartmouth college, the establishing of a flourishing institution at Amherst and the new energy infused into the friends of Williams college, have operated to diminish the number connected with this institution. For two or three years past, however, the number has been increasing and the names of ninety-six are now on our catalogue. Of the 509 alumni who have gone out from the institution, 226 have been preachers, one is a president and 13 have been college professors.

"Immediately after the establishment of the college the *Philomathesian* society was formed among the students for the purpose of mutual improvement. At its meetings, which are held on Wednesday of each week during term time, compositions are read and a question discussed by members previously appointed. The society was incorporated in 1822 and now has a library of 1050 volumes. In 1804 a number of pious students formed themselves into an organization to be known as the *Philadelphian* society, to include only those who professed a hope in Christ, and whose object should be 'to promote among its members a knowledge of divine things.' This society has, we believe, been the means of much good in college. By the investigation of religious subjects and other exercises of its weekly meetings, it has operated not only to enlighten the understanding but also to warm and animate the heart and bind still closer to each other those whose motives and prospects are the same. The society has a library of above 300 volumes and a large number of valuable periodicals. In 1813 the *Beneficent* society was formed for the purpose of providing students who are unable to purchase, with the necessary text-books. This society has a collection of 850 volumes, which are loaned to indigent students and to members of the society, free of charge. In 1823, under the direction of Prof. Patton, the *Philological* society was formed in order to facilitate the prosecution of classical studies among the students. The society's library now contains 800 volumes."

After giving a somewhat lengthy account of the spiritual condition of the college and its students, illustrative of the strict religious views of men of those days, the editors conclude the article by saying, "In closing this imperfect sketch we will add in regard to the present state of the institution, that in addition to the building already mentioned, there was one erected in 1814, of granular limestone, 106 feet long and

40 feet wide, containing 48 rooms for students. Besides the libraries of the different societies the college has a library containing 2122 volumes. A philosophical and and chemical apparatus, sufficient for all the the purposes of experiment and illustration, has been obtained, together with a handsome collection of minerals. During the last year a Mechanical Association was formed for the purpose obtaining regular exercise; it has in its possession a good shop well furnished and now is in the full tide of successful experiment. In short, at no time since its establishment have the prospects of the college been more flattering."

Several literary articles, among which is an excellent paper on "The Taste of the Age," and three short poems of merit nearly complete the issue. The last page, however, is devoted to items of general interest to the college world, where we notice that at a convention in New York city of distinguished literary gentlemen from various parts of the United States, come together for the purpose of establishing "A National Society for the Promotion of Science and Literature," President Bates of Middlebury College was made president. The issue closes with the familiar notice that "the UNDERGRADUATE may be had for $1.00 a year," payable in advance, and states "that for the present it will be published the second and fourth Thursdays of each month."

Alumni Department.

[*Contributions from Alumni solicited for this department. Class-histories, reminscences, obituaries, biographies, literary articles, and papers upon current topics are always in order and desired.*]

'38. Edgar Peindle Wadhams, LL.D.

THE news of the death of the Rt. Rev. Edgar P. Wadhams, LL.D., bishop of the diocese of Ogdensburg, on the 5th inst., was received with much sorrow wherever the venerable prelate was known. Bishop Wadhams was 74 years old and had been in poor health for some time.

Rev. Edgar P. Wadhams was born at Wadhams' Mills, Essex Co., N. Y., May 21, 1817. He was the son of General Luman Wadhams. He graduated from this college in 1838, and he then attended the General Protestant Episcopal Church seminary in New York city, and was there ordained deacon in 1843, and received in his charge all of Essex county, and held services in various places throughout the eastern part of the county. In 1845 he went to St. Mary's Roman Catholic seminary at Baltimore, and upon leaving there was ordained priest.

About the year 1849 he went to St. Mary's church of Albany, at which the Rt. Rev. Bishop McCloskey officiated, and then practically the cathedral of the diocese. Afterwards he became one of the principal workers in the building of the present cathedral in Albany, and was for a period of 25 years its rector, and vicar-general of the diocese of Albany. The prelate's last days and the deathbed scenes were most remarkable, as the following account from the Ogdensburg Courier will show: "About four weeks ago those near Bishop Wadhams noted that, notwithstanding his strong will and uncomplaining patience, the venerable invalid was giving signs of a relapse into that same condition of weakness which some months ago proved all but fatal. Never, since the attack that spring, has the bishop been well. During the past two weeks his heart has been exceedingly weak—so weak that his death at any moment would have surprised no one. The symptoms of a speedy ending of it all became so pronounced that the bishop decided to make his final preparati ons for death. On Tuesday of last week he was accordingly anointed by Rev. Father Murphy. On Friday morning, Nov. 11, the holy viaticum was administered to the dying prelate by the Very Rev. Vicar-General Walch. After the prayers of thanksgiving had been devoutly offered the bishop declared his desire to make his solemn ante-mortem declaration of faith. After the professions of faith, according to the formula of Pius IV., were read, a bright smile overspread the bishop's face and he said with pronounced delight, 'Deo Gratias.' Then, with slow, measured accent, he announced that he had a last utterance to make and he called all present to witness his dying words. 'You all know,' he said, 'of my life, reared in the Protestant Episcopal belief. I left it for the one Holy Catholic apostolic Roman church. It won't do to say that one church is as good as the other; there may be a little difference here and there among us—of ideas, of birth, we are of many different births—but for God's sake let there be unity amongst us. Gentlemen, your turn must come to go through a scene like this, but it will not work so sorrowful, for your responsibilities are not so great. Oh! what am I! When I think of all that God has done for me! *De stircorge erigus*

pauperem ut collocet—I shall not say *cum principibus* —for I have not merited such favors from his hand. Let all forget my faults, for I think I may truly say that during all my life I have endeavored to advance myself in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. Tell the good people to remember me in the charity of their prayers.' He then requested the priests present to approach and gave them his blessing His work in Albany is remembered by all in that vicinity. It is said that the first low mass celebrated at the cathedral was celebrated by Bishop Wadhams, Nov. 23, 1852. The prelate was very warm hearted and a most earnest worker, doing much for the parochial schools and to further efforts looking toward the reduction of the debt upon the new cathedral. As a bishop his work was energetic and most successful. He has built many churches and over twenty chapels for the smaller missions. He established schools in many places and he has labored zealously for the improvement of the clergy in annual retreats and conferences." Last June Bishop Wadhams had conferred upon him by his college the degree of LL.D. In the death of Bishop Wadhams Middlebury loses a loyal alumnus and a true friend.

Town and Campus.

[*Items for this department from the town should be such as are of general interest to the alumni. A college monthly can't be a local newspaper, and items purely of local value as news are not wanted.*]

Prof. Howard lectured in Manchester Dec. 10.

Walker and Benedict of '91 were in town recently.

Smith and Dunton spent Sunday, Dec. 13, in Rutland.

Wilson and Chapman have the care of the M. E. church.

A number of the students attended the Remenyi concert.

Noonan, '91, was in town during the Thanksgiving recess.

Eldredge '95, spent the 12th and 13th of last month at Proctor, Vt.

The co-eds gave a reception at Battell Hall Friday evening, Dec. 4.

New numbers haye been put upon the doors of the rooms of Starr Hall.

Miner '94 spent the Thanksgiving recess with Sargent '94 at Ludlow.

Mrs. Merriman, mother of Prof. Merriman, is very sick at his residence.

A turkey club has been formed, but so far not a feather has been seen.

Many of the students attended court during the most interesting trials.

Miss E. H. Dorsey was out of college for a few days on account of sickness.

Misses Elga and Jessie Stewart spent a few days in New York last month.

Prof. Wright preached in the Congregational church at Ripton, Sunday, Nov. 29.

The steps of Painter Hall have been repaired—a much-needed improvement.

Wynne and Ross, '93, secured a fine lot of partridges while hunting recently.

Miss Ava Hawley '95 was suddenly called from college by the death of her father.

College closes Tuesday, Dec. 22, for a vacation extending until Thursday, Jan. 7.

Glass has been put into the door of the reading-room, making the hallway lighter.

Thanksgiving recess extended from Wednesday at 3 :30 to Monday following at 4 :00.

President Brainerd spent Thanksgiving at Rochester, Vt., and Prof. Janes at St. Albans.

Prof. Howard gave an historical lecture before the pupils of the Graded school November 13.

Mr. Barber and wife of New York city, cousins of Mrs. Eaton, spent a few days at Prof. Eaton's.

The Bohemian Glass Blowers drew a large number of the students to their exhibition while in town.

The Sophomores' banner, which floated so long from the chapel tower, has been taken in for the winter.

The organ at the boarding hall has been changed. The new one meets the requirements much better.

Miss Emma Dorsey '93 entertained a number of her friends at her home on the evening of the 28th.

The December term of the Addison County court opened the 1st. There are 81 cases on the docket.

Clarence Riggs, who has been surveying for a railroad company in New Hampshire, has returned home.

A Baptist social was held at Mrs. Clark's Wednesday evening, the 9th. Many of the students attended.

There was an Epworth league sociable at Prof. Seely's December 9. Many of the students attended.

F. W. Thomas was the leader of the glee club during the absence of Hesselgrave to the *Δ. K.* E. convention.

Mrs. Ezra Brainerd's sisters, Mrs. Peet of California and Miss Rockwell of Westboro, Mass., are visiting her.

The electric lights in the halls and in the reading room are a decided improvement over the kerosene lamps.

Prof. Howard attended the annual banquet of the Fish and Game league of Vermont held at Burlington recently.

The Glee club gave a concert at Pittsford Friday evening, Dec. 4, at Brandon the 11th and Middlebury the 16th.

The King's Daughters' held a "Doll's Bazaar" on Saturday afternoon, the 5th, at the home of Mrs. W. W. Eaton.

Among Artist Jackson's plates, which were destroyed by the fire, were the cane rush and Freshman class plates.

P. G. Ross and A. Macdonald have a telegraph line connecting their rooms and are learning the art of telegraphy.

The new depot is now completed and will be occupied in a few weeks. It is nicely finished and an honor to any place.

P. G. Ross has resigned the business management of the UNDERGRADUATE and O. J. Sawyer has been appointed his successor.

The night of the fire Seeley '93, in his hustling to save other peoples' clothes, lost a large bundle of washing and a silk umbrella.

The new catalogues are out. Several changes have been made, both in the curriculum and in general information concerning the college.

Prof. Janes and Principal Bullock of the High school attended the funeral of J. W. Spencer, the principal of Northfield High school.

C. L. Leonard, '95, gave a temperance lecture at East Middlebury Saturday evening, Dec. 12, under the auspices of the Good Templars.

S. Bolton, our veteran janitor, is temporarily absent from duty on account of sickness. Wilson and Chapman are doing his work for the present.

Rev. H. G. Pillsbury of Vergennes preached at the Congregational church on Sunday, the 14th, in exchange with the pastor, Rev. Dr. Webber.

A Sophomore Shakespearian club has been formed under the direction of Prof. C. B. Wright. The club held its first meeting Dec. 2, at Battell Hall.

The Juniors are making arrangements for a Junior promenade at the close of the term. Brown, Thomas and Sturtevant are the committee of arrangements.

What little interest was manifested in foot ball at the beginning of the term has died out, and the ball has not been kicked, even in Starr Hall, for some time.

Hesselgrave, Colby, Hasseltine and Cady attended the Y. M. C. A. convention at Rutland. Hesselgrave spoke on "The New Constitution and Committee System."

Some of the Freshmen stole the bell from the chapel, thinking they could have a holiday by so doing, but the bell was found again and no delay caused in proceedings.

The union service at the Baptist church on Thanksgiving was well attended. Rev. F. G. Heaxt preached an excellent sermon. Rev. Dr. Archibald and Rev. Mr. Lyons assisted in the exercises.

Douglass, Donoway and Ross of '93 have been appointed as a committee by the Athletic association to make arrangements for presenting another drama before the public for the benefit of the association.

Overheard—Visitor at Middlebury college: "Why is the place where the co-eds live called 'Battell Hall?'" D—— (Given to punning.)—"Because that is where the Sophomores and Freshmen had their first battle."

Clarence Wells has gone to Florida to run an electric light station in the hotel Ponce de Leon. The station runs about 10,000 lamps in the hotel buildings.

John Barlow has been initiated into the Delta Upsilon fraternity.

The Junior class has elected the following Kaleidoscope officers: Editor-in-chief, L. Taylor; assistants, Miss E. H. Dorsey, E. R. Brown, B. F. Wynne, J. B. Donoway; business manager, F. B. Seeley; assistants, F. W. Thomas, G. L. Hasseltine.

H. G. Megathlin, who has been sick for a number of weeks, has so fully recovered as to be able to go home. His mother, who has been with him the greater part of his illness, returned with him. He

will return to college at the beginning of the winter term.

The Seniors have elected class officers as follows: President, Miss A. B. Sheldon; vice-president, B. D. Colby; secretary and treasurer, A. Macdonald; historian. J. F. McNaboe. The class has already begun making arrangements for Commencement concert.

A vacant room in the chapel is being fitted up as a study room to accommodate the increased number of lady students. The room formerly used by them will now be used by the president as a reception room and the room connecting the two will be used by other members of the faculty.

A good crowd greeted the Glee Club at the town hall on the 16th. The members of the club are as follows: C. B. Toleman '94 and Frank B. Seeley '93, first tenor; C. E. Hesselgrave '93, and H. E. Wells '94, second tenor; George Hasseltine '93, and Earl Cushman '95, first bass; S. Eddy '94, and Frank Thomas '93, second bass; O. J. Sawyer, '94, accompanist.

The Sophomores made their debut on the chapel stage Dec. 5. The Freshmen endeavored to enliven the occasion by out bursts of applause, but were immediately "squelched" by the faculty. The following subjects were treated: Trouble with Chili, Our Mail System, Peter Cooper, Labor Problem, An Evil of the Age, and, Unveiling of the Grant Monument at Chicago.

On the evening of the 29th George Scott '95, in behalf of the Chi Psi fraternity, gave an elaborate supper at the boarding hall to his fellow students. After partaking of the abundant supply, Thomas '93 rendered several bass solos, and Scott many English songs. Preparations were then made for the dance, which consumed the remainder of the evening. A pleasant and enjoyable time was had by all.

The largest fire in the history of Middlebury occurred Sunday night, Nov. 22, at 7 o'clock. The whole business portion was swept away. Aid was sent for to Rutland and Burlington, who quickly responded. The fire, however, was under control of the local firemen when outside assistance arrived. The boys from the "hill" were on the ground with the earliest arrivals and did much towards saving the goods in the burning buildings. College was practically suspended on the following day to allow the students to recover from the excitement caused by the fire.

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF DELTA KAPPA EPSILON.

The forty-fifth convention of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity was held with the Cleveland Alumni Association at Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 10–12. Over 200 "Dekes" were in attendance. The first business session was held in the banquet room of the Hollenden Hotel. W. T. Lock, of the Gamma Chapter, was elected president of the convention; G. U. Sherwin of ————, vice-president. A large portion of the morning was consumed by the regular routine business incident to the opening of the convention. A great deal of gratification was expressed over the completion of the fraternity catalogue, which has been in the course of preparation for the past four years. It contains over 1800 pages, and is the most complete catalogue ever published by a college fraternity. It contains brief biographical sketches of each one of the members of the fraternity, together with tabulated statistics of great interest. The catalogue was edited by George E. Fisher, Beta Phi, who was present and announced that his work was complete. At the close of the session all the members of the convention went to the Union Club house, where they were photographed.

At the afternoon session most of the business was of a private nature I. S. Metcall of Elyria was present. Mr. Metcalf is a Bowdoin graduate and was present at the first annual convention of the "Dekes" more than forty-five years ago.

On Wednesday evening, a 9000 audience gathered at Case Hall to attend the public exercises in connection with the convention. A programme that included music, poetry, songs and oratory had been prepared for the occasion and it was received with great interest. The music was provided by the Cleveland Philharmonic Club, and their perfect rendition of several selections delighted the assemblage. The poetry was the production of Dr. A. E. Kemper, Kappa, '53, of Cincinnati. It was the convention poem and the theme was "Recollections of Miami." Dr. Kemper was a decided success, as the official poet of the organization, and the members could not easily have made a happier selection. The song department of the programme could not have been improved upon. It was taken care of by a dozen lusty young

men, who sang several fraternity songs with marked grace, technique and enthusiasm. A section of the hall had been reserved for them, and they were heard several times through the evening.

The hall was tastefully decorated with the fraternity colors. Judge Sherwood, Beta Chi, '72, was introduced as the chairman of the evening. The prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. E. Boshwell, Beta Chi, '72.

Judge Sherwood extended a hearty greeting to the audience on behalf of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity of the United States, and especially on behalf of the local organization, under whose auspices the convention is being held. He spoke in a happy manner of the visit of the delegates, and the propensities of some college boys to "paint the town." Almost every sentence of the address was greeted with applause. He referred to the origin of the Greek letter fraternity nearly half a century ago, and the plans of the members to aid each other and to establish a high intellectual and moral standard.

Hon. W. G. Rose delivered the address of welcome. The mayor gave the visitors all the privileges of the city. He invited the young men, instead of going West, to come to Cleveland, be married and settle down.

Lieut.-Gov. Samuel F. Hunt, D. D., Kappa, '64, delivered the oration. His theme was, "The Duty of Educated Young Men to the Republic," and the subject was eloquently presented by him. The speaker said in substance: "Those who are gathered here from all the colleges will soon take their places for fame or shame. You will be called upon to save public virtue from death amid the strife of politics. It is an obligation and not a privilege. It is for you to emphasize the sense of justice in public and private life. Next to the grandeur of our planet comes the grandeur of a well-equipped state, and we have a form of government that is the best in the world. What is needed is scholarship that enriches the mind and that cultivates a higher sense of public duty. In every free state there must be enlightened public opinion." Mr. Hunt closed with an eloquent tribute to the greatness and glory of the country. The audience was dismissed with the benediction by Rev. J. D. Williamson, Beta Chi, '70.

The exercises at the hall were followed by a "Lambda Punch" at the Hollenden, given by the chapter at Kenyon College, in honor of the visitors. The festivities lasted for several hours. Charles E. Hesselgrave, '93, representend Alpha Alpha.

DELTA UPSILON CONVENTION.

The fifty-seventh annual convention of the Delta Upsilon fraternity was held with the Harvard Chapter Nov. 11, 12 and 13. Delegates were entertained at the Copley Square Hotel, Boston, where they convened in business session on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Active President, George Gaylord Cook, Harvard, '82, called the meeting to order, which was then opened with prayer by Rev. William E. Griffis, Rutgers, '69. Robert M. Leovett, Harvard, '92, gave the address of welcome in behalf of the entertaining Chapter, and John R. Blake, Columbia, '92, responded. Delegates were present from the twenty-six active chapters and also from the Executive Council and the New York, New England, Western New England and Syracuse Alumni associations. The subject of fraternity extension was considered in the afternoon deliberations, and a charter was granted to students making application from the Massachusetts Polytechnic Institute.

The public exercises began Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in Saunders' Theatre, Cambridge. The invocation was made by Rev. William E. Griffis, D. D. The historical address, dwelling upon the progress of the fraternity during its fifty-seven years of existence, was given by the Rev. George R. Matthews, Adelbert, '84; this was followed by the poem "Convention," by William J. Warburton, Columbia, '90. The oration, "Fraternity; its Mediæval and Modern Aspect," delivered by Rev. W. P. Faunce, Brown, '80, of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church, New York city, was listened to with close attention. In closing he said: "We are overwhelmed today by an avalanche of new knowledge. But some day we shall master that knowledge, combine and fuse it and discern the unity of truth and the brotherhood of man. Then shall the sundered fragments of humanity come together and the fermenting genesis of the present pass into the palingenesis of God. As a foreshadowing of that final social unity, I know no finer example than the brothhood in whose name we meet as loyal sons tonight. True to its ideal foundation, *Dikara Upotheke*, true to its noble past and its brightening future, it will have a glorious share in ushering in the greater dawn. Teaching men their duty as individuals, and their

union in the ideal spiritual ends of life, its work can never die."

At the close of the exercises the fraternity repaired to the rooms of the Harvard chapter, where 26 new men were admitted into the fraternity and the Boston Polytechnic Institute was officially added to the chapter roll.

The business sessions of Thursday and Friday forenoons were occupied in considering the constitution; it was completely revised and changed as to its phraseology and in minor details, but not at all in respect to the great foundation principles of the fraternity.

At 2 p. m. the delegates and visiting brothers, through the kindness of the Harvard Graduate club, were given a three-hours' carriage ride to many of the most beautiful places and points of interest of Boston, Cambridge and vicinity.

In the evening the convention in a body saw Mr. Richard Mansfield in Russell Sullivan's great tragedy, "Nero," at the Globe Theatre. After the play those of "The Gold and Blue" retired behind the scenes, where they individually met the great actor, who addressed them with most pleasing and complimentary remarks.

The three-hours' conclave of Friday afternoon closed the business proceedings of the convention. The convention voted to increase the number of members of the Executive Council from seven to nine and made appropriations for the location and founding of a fraternity library. The 58th convention will meet with the Colby chapter at Waterville, Maine; Hon. David Starr Jordan, LL.D., Cornell, '72, president of the Leland Stanford, Junior, University of California was made president for the ensuing year.

A fitting close to the convention was the great fraternity banquet held on Friday evening. At 9 o'clock nearly 300 Delta U. were assembled in the spacious dining halls of the Vendome. College and fraternity yells resounded almost continuously and at times unbounded enthusiasm prevailed. Letters of regret were read from Attorney-General Miller, Secretary Proctor, President Andrews of Brown University, Hon. David A. Wells, Justice Stephen J. Fields and others.

The Harvard convention was one of the most important and successful in the history of the fraternity and the occasion will ever be looked back upon with pleasure by the visiting delegates.

Personals.

[*The editor of this department appreciates the fact that it is one of special interest to the alumni. But as they are widely scattered and many are unknown to him, he asks them to send to the Undergraduate from time to time whatever items they may come in possession of and thus aid in making this department what the alumni desires it to be and what the editors endeavor to make it.*]

'35. Theodore Gay sailed for California by way of the isthmus Dec. 10, where he will spend the winter.

'36. Hon. William Slade has gone to Washington, D. C., where he will spend the winter.

'38. The Right Reverend Edgar Prindle Wadhams died December 4. A further notice appears in another column.

'39. Notice comes too late for publication of the death of Joseph Addison Ranney. Further notice will appear in the next issue.

'40. Adam Johnston has been re-engaged pastor of the Presbyterian church in Deer Lodge, Montana.

'44. Orlando Wooster was in town recently visiting his son Richard, '95.

'57 and '63. Gen. H. H. Thomas and Judge R. S. Tuthill are among the contributors to the first volume of "Military Essays and Recollections," published by the Illinois Commandery of the Loyal Legion.

'60. Hon. E. B. Sherman has recently been elected president of the Alumni association of the North-Western University College of Law and also president of the Oakland Club, one of the social organizations of Chicago.

'62. Col. A. F. Walker has an article in the December Forum on "Competition." He holds that competition is just as often the death of trade as it is the life of trade. He shows that we have believed implicitly this old axiom which has come down to us from the time of Adam Smith, but says that in spite of this every observing man knows that one of the strongest forces causing the organization of monopolies and trusts is the demonstration by competing firms that competition would end in disaster. He continues as follows: "The public may often say that competition is the life of trade, while at the same moment the competing traders or manufacturers themselves behind their doors, are groaning that 'competition is sure to be their death.' Competition is war.

It may be to the knife, fierce and deadly, it may be a gentlemanly contest with foils and masks, or padded gloves. At times it is waged at every point relentlessly; again it is confined to a single phase of contact, but, however conducted, in its essence it is war; and when carried to its extreme conclusion, it means financial ruin to one or the other of the contestants."

'64. Joseph W. Burnham is in business at Opechee, Mich.

'65. Rev. E. B. Kent is pastor of a Congregational church at Eldora, Iowa.

'67. Judge James M. Slade fell and dislocated his shoulder a few days ago.

'71. F. M. Peck is in the banking business at Potsdam, N. Y.

'76. C. G. Farwell spent a few days in town recently.

'77. At the fall meeting of the Westchester County Teachers' association held at White Plains last month, Prof. W. I. Twitchell of Hartford, Conn., delivered an address on "Some Essentials of United States History for Grammar Schools." The *Eastern State Journal* says: "Prof. Twitchell is an enthusiast on the subject of teaching history. He urges its importance in the school curriculum for the reason that our population is so largely made up of nations of foreign extraction, who have little knowledge of American history. Prof. Twitchell is an attractive speaker, and as his subject was one that appeals so directly to the heart of an American, he was received with profound attention."

'79. Prof. W. H. Hulbert, professor of English Literature in Marietta college, Ohio, has a very able article on "College Life and Practical Affairs," in the November number of the Marietta College *Ohio*.

'81. Rev. C. S. Murkland and wife spent Thanksgiving in town at Mr. A. P. Tupper's.

'81. Rev. H. O. Cady, who has been at Chungking, China, as missionary of the M. E. church for four years, has gone to Cheatre, the capital of the province of Liz-chuen, to open a mission there. He reports all quiet and peaceable and that the American press has greatly enlarged and exaggerated the state of affairs on the upper Yangtsz-Kiang river.

'83. The *Public Opinion* says: "Chapters on Electricity," by Samuel Sheldon, Ph. D. The writing of a text-book on electricity is a most difficult task in these days, when that science is so constantly growing and a preparation of a revision of a previous treatise is in some respects more difficult than the writing of a new book. Prof. Sheldon's chapters on electricity form pages 351 to 452 of the fourth edition of Olmsted's Natural Philosophy. He has prepared an excellent treatise, and the results of the latest researches are embodied in the work. A number of practical examples add to the value of the book."

'84. Robert J. Barton was recently married to Miss Mattie Holden of this place.

'88. From the Northampton *Daily Herald:* "The Haydenville Congregational church is rejoicing in the fact that it has secured one of the best ministers that ever adorned a pulpit in the Mill River valley. He is an able preacher, a pleasant and agreeable man outside the pulpit and above all else combines in himself the rare faculty of harmonizing the discordant elements in the church. The people are loth to praise him as he deserves, for they are afraid outside they will hear of his good qualities and try and steal him away with promises of a larger salary. For nearly two years the church was without a pastor, dissensions having arisen which only the lapse of time could heal. Both parties are now united, the interregnum having been supplied by Prof. Tyler of Smith College. It is only just to say that this would not have been so easy under a less talented preacher." It will be remembered that Rev. E. J. Klock became pastor of the Haydenville church but a few months since.

'89. R. M. Collins of the census office has resigned to accept a position in the editorial department of the Washington *Post*.

'91. C. A. Mead, teacher of Greek and Latin at Burr & Burton Academy, spent his Thanksgiving vacation in Middlebury.

'91. C. N. Pray of Chicago has entered into a direct law partnership with Allen L. Fowler of that city. The new firm is associated with and will do business under the firm name of Mason, Ennis & Bates, one of the oldest, largest and most successful law firms of Chicago.

'91. Ira E. Pinney is teaching in Londonderry.

'92. The Boston *Daily Globe* of Dec. 8 has a column and a half on the success Captain Kelton has had in training the Harvard crew and of the bright prospects for the race with Yale in June. We clip the closing remarks: "Kelton is older than the average

college student and for that very reason is a valuable man. His experience, endurance and maturity count greatly. Kelton was at Middlebury College, Vermont, for one year before coming to Harvard and will get his degree at Harvard in three years, graduating with '92, although he entered with '93. Kelton has taken high rank in his studies and has been awarded more than one scholarship for excellent work. Personally Kelton is widely and deservedly liked. Every man in the college feels that under the influence of 'Pa,' as he is called by the crew men, the Harvard eight cannot fail to give a good account of itself."

'93. R. B. Flagg is teaching school in Parishville, N. Y.

Obituary.

'39. Norman Freeman Wright.

Norman Freeman Wright, professor of Latin and Greek at Houghton Seminary, Clinton N. Y., and one of the best known educators in the State, died in that village on Tuesday. He was born in Bennington county, Vt., on March 27, 1815, and he and his twin brother, Professor Truman King Wright, were left orphans and in poverty at the age of six years. He had a hard struggle to secure an education, but succeeded in working his way through the Burr Manual Labor Academy at Manchester, Vt., and through Middlebury College. On leaving college he adopted teaching as a profession and for short periods taught schools at Red Creek, N. Y., and at Pembroke, N. H. Later he was for nine years principal of the Genesee Seminary at Alexander, N. Y., and for six years principal of the Warsaw Academy at Warsaw, N. Y., and for seven years pincipal of the High School at Batavia, N. Y. In 1869 he was appointed to the charge of the classical department of the State Normal school, at Cortland, N. Y., where he remained for eight years. He leaves a son, Arthur M. Wright, who is principal of the Waterville Academy, at Waterville, N. Y., and a daughter Mrs. A. G. Benedict of Clinton, with whom he had resided since his wife's death in 1882. —[*N. Y. Herald.*

A teachers' agency has been established to provide places for Williams graduates. Williams alumni who know of vacant places are requested to send such information to the registrar.

Our Farrago.

A tennis court, the place for sport,
A net and rackets two;
A summer day, the time to play,
A maid with eyes of blue.
The ball she serves, also it swerves,
Goes bounding down the hill;
"A fault," I call—but yet, with all
Her faults, I love her still. —*Ex.*

Did he fight with Grant or Sherman,
Our liberties to guard,
This man with the missing arm and leg
And the visage battle scarred?
No, he isn't a crippled soldier,
He never heard the scream
Of the flying shell—he used to kick
With a college football team.

Maud—Jack threw me a kiss.

Ethel—Wasn't your chaperone in the way?

Maud—O, no; he's a baseball man and got around her by pitching a curve.

John—"And did you fall in love with the botanist?"

Ed—"No; I only took a lichen to her."

Co-ed—"You didn't squeeze my hand when you left us last night, Charlie."

Charlie—"How could I! The whole steps was covered with girls."

"Co-ed—"Well, you got credit for it, anyhow, by shaking hands with the crowd."

"The Girl I Left Behind Me" 's a song
To be sung in accents kind;
But shall I sing of that heartless thing—
The girl that left me behind?

Ticket Agent (to Freshman buying ticket)—"What class?"

Freshman (reluctantly)—Oh, Freshman class."

Freshman year—"Comedy of Errors."

Sophomore year—"Much Ado About Nothing."

Junior year—"As You Like It."

Senior year—"All's Well that Ends Well."

In Political Economy—"Are you prepared on any part of the lesson?

"Yes, sir."

"What is the next point the author makes!"

"He says it is the nature of man to desire all the ease possible with self-gratification. I stopped then."

JUST BEFORE VACATION.

Charles—"Shall you do any extra work in studying this vacation?"

George—"No, I shall be perfectly satisfied with holding my own."

His arms with strong and firm embrace
  Her pretty form enfold,
And she has blushed her sweet consent
  When he his story told.
"And you will surely keep your troth?"
  Said she with doubting air;
He holds her close and quick replied,
  "Yes, by yon elm I swear."
A year passed by; his heart grew cold,
  And love no longer held the helm;
She swore him false, but the fact is this:
  It was a slippery elm.

Aunt Hopeful—"Yes, Johnnie; you are doing finely in your Latin and Geometry, I am sure, but how is it with your soul?"

Johnnie, '95—"I don't know, Aunty; we don't have the solar system till Junior year."

The editor sat in his sanctum,
  Letting his lessons rip;
Racking his brain for an item
  And stealing all he could clip.

The editor sat in his class room
  As if getting over a drunk;
His phiz was clouded with awful gloom,
  For he made a total flunk.

The editor sat in his sanctum
  And hit himself in the eye,
And swore he'd enough of the business;
  He would quit the paper or die.

—*Buchtelite.*

LAST YEAR.

He saw her and within a month
  Fond hopes began to shoot;
He swore to her his mighty love
  And strongly pressed his suit.

THIS YEAR.

No more his heart in joy doth feed
  On love's uncertain fruit;
'Tis true that he to court doth go,
  But she doth press the suit.

TOO ONE-SIDED.

I tightly clasp my darling to me
  And look within her deep, dark eyes.
I kiss her smiling, tantalizing lips
  And to my heart I press my prize.
Yet it's unsatisfactory *in toto*—
Alas 'tis but her glassy pasteboard photo.

—*The Red and Blue.*

A WARNING.

In little bits she broke her heart,
  And, thoughtlessly, with lavish hand
To every youth she tossed a part
  Throughout Columbia's boundless land.

But with the fleeting years there came
  A man of means, fair looks, unwed;
"To you I'll give my wealth, and name,
  And heart—and ask but yours," he said.

The fragments of her heart she tried
  To find in wildest haste—poor maid!
But though she hunted far and wide,
  The bits were lost—she could not trade.

—*Harvard Advocate.*

THOSE TENDER EYES.

When first I gazed in Phyllis' eyes
  And marked their tender hue,
I swore by light of summer skies
  The fairest eyes were blue.

But when Belinda came to town,
  Straightway I was converted
To worship only eyes of brown:—
  And Phyllis was deserted.

Of late, such other eyes I've seen
  As thrilled my very soul;
So dark, so deep, their hue I ween
  Was blacker than a coal.

For oh, we'll never see again
Such eyes as grace our football men!

—*Trinity Tablet.*

Exchanges.

An examination of our many exchanges discloses the fact that the college paper is running oo much to athletics. It is true that athletics form no inconsiderable part of student life, and should, therefore, have due representation in the journal which registers and reflects the daily and yearly life of the student; but

the almost entire exclusion of all literary matter and information calculated to win and hold the interest of alumni, and the substitution of long and tedious articles of foot-ball gossip and base-ball news injures the quality of the paper and diverts it from its best and original purpose. It is exceedingly tiresome to read editorial after editorial in a single issue, all devoted to "the best way to promote our athletics" and "the reason why our team was not successful." A college paper having athletics for its sole purpose is lowered and narrowed from the journal of the many to the sheet of a few.

The first issue of *The University Quarterly* comes to us well filled with timely and instructive articles. "The Poetry of Matthew Arnold" and "College Men in Journalism" are well written and practical articles worthy of special mention.

The *Williams Weekly* contains an earnest appeal from Wm. D. Porter for the resurrection of the literary societies at Williams. The letter contains good advice.

The Reveille contains a lengthy article on "Trusts." The article is quite readable, but might be condensed.

College Notes.

There are 190 college papers in the United States.

Last year Harvard's class orator was a negro, this year a Japanese.

At Princeton the Freshmen have compulsory gymnasium work for this year.

A new paper, *The Brown Daily Herald*, has been started at Brown University.

Foot-ball in every form has been prohibited by the University of Heidelburg, Germany.

Oliver Wendell Holmes commenced his literary career as an editor of a college journal.

Twenty-seven students were recently expelled from Du Paw University for playing billiards.

The number of books in the college libraries of the United States has been estimated at 3,000,000.

The increase in the number of colleges in the United States every year avarages about fifteen.

The University of Michigan will erect a Grecian Temple as her contribution to the World's Fair at Chicago.

During the last seven years Yale has played 78 games of foot-ball with a total of 3863 points to her opponents 89.

Many of the alumni of Dartmouth are deeply interested in athletics. Already a field has been surveyed and a new athletic ground is talked of.

The Princeton faculty have decided that no special student will be allowed to play in any university team until he has been in college at least two terms.

The oldest college in North America was founded in 1531, the college of St. Ildefonso in the city of Mexico. The next oldest is Laval College, Quebec.

Deficiency in Freshman gymnasium work at Williams will be treated as a condition, and the delinquents will be required to make up this work next term.

At Iowa Wesleyan University a man must have become a Sophomore and maintained an average work of 8.5 in his studies before he is eligible to membership in a fraternity.

The students at Rochester University have donned mortar boards. The tassels of the Seniors are black; of the Juniors purple; of the Sophomores crimson; of the Freshmen green.

A Harvard graduate has been appointed Paris correspondent of the *London Times*, a position made vacant by the resignation of the celebrated De Blowitz, who held the position for so many years.

Dr. Edward B. Andrews, the energetic and popular president of Brown University, in a recent lecture on "The Next Steps Forward in Education," said: "No teacher but a coward will ever use sarcasm toward a student; for thus he deals a blow on one who is unable to strike back."

The alumni of Union have contributed money for the establishment of a lecture course for the benefit of the students. These lectures are to be on practical and political subjects. Gov. William McKinley, Hon. Charles Dana, Chauncey M. Depew and Andrew Carnegie are among the noted men who will lecture in the course.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

It was a bright time for Vermont at the gathering of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the State at Rutland, Nov. 19-21. Nearly one hundred delegates gathered in the rooms Thursday evening at a reception from 6 to 7:30 and partook of a bountiful repast provided by the auxiliary, after which they went

to the Baptist church for a service of praise, where they were welcomed by many of the prominent men gathered there. J. J. Estey occupied the chair and with the gavel called the meeting to order.

The opening address was given by Rev. E. F. Lee, General Secretary, of Brooklyn, N. Y., on "How to reach the young men of to-day for Christ." It was a brief account of the work the organization is endeavoring to accomplish and awakened a good deal of interest.

On Friday morning there was a service of prayer, election of officers, a talk on "How can the association and the young people's societies best work together for the young men and boys," by Rev. J. L. Lowell of Boston, and a class on Bible training by Rev. E. F. Lee. The afternoon was taken up by reports of the associations and of the State Executive committee. Then followed a paper by Secretary Folsom of St. Johnsbury on "The young men's gospel meetings" and another by Physical Director Cook of the U. V. M., on "How can the gymnastic and athletic work of our association best promote the all-round development of young men." This was a very interesting talk and enjoyed by all. A large crowd was present at the evening session to hear Prof. Gates' of Amherst College address on "The strength of young men."

Saturday morning the Central Vermont railroad made up a special train and took the delegates to Proctor, where arrangements had been made by Mr. Fletcher D. Proctor and a few young men chosen by him to guide the party through the extensive shops and quarries. Before leaving Col. Estey thanked Mr. Proctor for his courtesies, who responded briefly. Secretary of War Proctor then came forward and gave the young men words of commendation and encouragement that brought hearty cheers from his hearears.

Returning, the delegates listened to a forty minutes' talk by C. J. Hicks on "The unoccupied parts of our field; how to reach them through district or county organizations." Following this the State Committee's report was endorsed by the committee delegated for this duty. The report suggested co-operation with the different young people's societies, also the appointing of three representatives from the colleges of the State Executive committee.

The afternoon session was opened by a very impressive Bible study on Philemon, by James McConaughy of Mt. Hermon, and Mr. Pitkin of the U. V. M., followed with a discourse on "How to Promote the true Missionary Spirit."

The church was again crowded at the evening session. Secretary Gibson of Burlington read a paper on "The Relation of the Bible to Christianity and to Christian Work." C. J. Hicks talked very interestingly on railroad work, showing by a large map the location of the different railroad associations in the United States. Mr. Henry F. Field spoke on "What business men think of the association," followed by Mr. E. Crosby of Brattleboro and Mr. Tillson of Rutland.

The Sunday sessions were all crowded. The consecration service in the morning was one of deepest spirituality. The pastors of the several churches invited the delegates to their pulpits and so scattering more knowledge of Y. M. C. A. work among crowded audiences. The Bible class at 3 p. m., led by James McConaughy, had a full attendance. The men's meeting at the Opera house was attended by five or six hundred.

The farewell service at the church was crowded to the utmost and many were compelled to go away. Lack of space forbids us mentioning all the interesting features of the convention. A generous collection was taken for State work. The meeting closed with "Blest be the tie that binds," and every one went away satisfied that this was the best convention ever held in Vermont and that no people could have provided more bountifully for the accommodation of delegates than the Rutland people did.

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